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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS UN MEMBERSHIP FOR
SOLOMON ISLANDS

REF: USUN 3143

1. ON AUGUST 17 THE SECURITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY
TO RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADMISSION OF
THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AS THE 150TH MEMBER OF THE U.N.
IT ACTED ON THE BASIS OF A REPORT OF ITS COMMITTEE ON
ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS, TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAD
REFERRED THE SOLOMONS' APPLICATION DURING A
BRIEF SC MEETING AUG. 16. IT THUS REVERTED TO THE
PRE-DJIBOUTI TRADITION OF HAVING NO COUNCIL MEMBER
SPONSOR A RESOLUTION ON ADMISSION OF A NEW MEMBER.
IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SOLOMON ISLANDS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AS A NEW MEMBER BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS
A FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS AT ITS 33RD SESSION, OPENING
SEPTEMBER 19.

2. FOLLOWING THE VOTE STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY ALL
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCEPT NIGERIA AND BY AUSTRALIA,
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FIJI, AND NEW ZEALAND. THE STATEMENTS
WERE FUNDAMENTALLY RITUAL SPEECHES OF WELCOME, BUT
THE SOVIET UNION (FOKINE) INCLUDED IN ITS STATEMENT
THE ASSERTION THAT THE PEOPLES OF GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA,
NEW HEBRIDES, AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS WERE STILL BEING DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHT TO
INDEPENDENCE. THE SOVIET UNION FOUND A POLEMICAL ECHO

IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S (HROKA) MENTION OF MICRONESIA.
CHINA (CHEN) MADE ITS OBLIGATORY REFERENCE TO THE
"RIVALRY BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS FOR WORLD HEGEMONY"
AND AS USUAL SINGLED OUT THE "LATE-COMING SUPER-POWER"
FOR DOING ITS UTMOST TO CARRY OUT "INFILTRATION AND
EXPANSION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION."

3. U.S. AMB LEONARD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION "AT THE
SMOOTH TRANSITION WHICH HAS BEEN EFFECTED." IN THE
OPENING STATEMENT (AS FORMER ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY)
THE U.K. (BYATT) NOTED THAT IT WOULD "CONTRIBUTE SOME
26 MILLION POUNDS IN THE FORM OF GRANTS FOR DEVELOPMENT
AID IN THE FOUR YEARS FOLLOWING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
INDEPENDENCE". AUSTRALIA (ANDERSON) NOTED THAT IT
HAS ALLOCATED 7.25 MILLION AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS FOR
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DURING
THE THREE FINANCIAL YEARS 1976-79. NEW ZEALAND (HANNAH)
SAID IT HAD DECIDED TO DOUBLE THE SHARE OF ITS DEVELOP-
MENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ALLOCATED TO SOLOMON ISLANDS.
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